

# SAYS CITY WOULD WASTE ITS MONEY

Arthur Scrivenor Opposes Use  
of Public Money to Improve  
Old Auditorium.

## CALLS IT MERE MAKESHIFT

Former Member of Wednesday Club Takes Sharp Issue With Corley's Plan.

Arthur Scrivenor, a former member of the board of governors of the Wednesday Club, gave out yesterday a statement in which he strongly opposed an expenditure of \$25,000 by the city for improving the City Auditorium in the hope that grand opera might be brought to Richmond. The request for the appropriation was made by J. G. Corley, president of the Wednesday Club, and members of the board. The matter is referred to a subcommittee of the Committee on Public Buildings, which will submit its report at a meeting to-night.

The People's Music Association, recently chartered here, had for its object the raising of \$50,000 for the purchase of a pipe-organ to be presented to the city as soon as a suitable auditorium is erected. The secretary explained yesterday that practically the full amount has been pledged, with the understanding, however, that the organ is not to be placed in the City Auditorium.

### Mr. Scrivenor's Statement.

As it takes up the plan of the Wednesday Club, aims and grand opera, Mr. Scrivenor's statement is certain to attract unusual attention, especially in music circles. He said:

"It is with regret that I feel it necessary to say something about the reported request of a local music organization that \$25,000 of taxes be spent towards adapting the present City Auditorium for the production of opera. It is asserted by those interested that Richmond is ripe for grand opera. Certainly it may be—for those of Richmond who choose to pay the price, just as ready as it is for aviation, yachting, polo and other expensive pleasures."

"Atlanta is often held up as an example, and much has been said by some of our impresarios about its beautiful auditorium, in which the annual opera festival is held. I was in Atlanta a short time ago, and I wished to see this fine auditorium, so much talked of in Richmond. I found it may look fine when filled with an audience of beautiful women and handsome men, or when it resounds to the tread of gay uniformed troops."

"It is a drill hall, pure and simple, the seating capacity of which has been greatly increased by the placing of tiers of seats around the sides and end of the building opposite the stage; the tiers rising one above the other at a very steep angle to the steel trusses supporting the roof. It is not attractive, and is at best a makeshift. To make our City Auditorium equally available for large audiences, or for grand opera, I presume it will be necessary to carry out the methods adopted in the Atlanta Auditorium."

### Would Cost More Than \$25,000.

"This would necessitate elaborate and costly interior changes, an extension of the building over the roof of the east, and an entirely new roof with clear span, and it would very probably be found necessary to strengthen the walls themselves—all of which would cost very much more than \$25,000, which it is suggested be spent in the effort to make the auditorium available. In short, the ground of the present location would be available, and probably but little more. The present location is extremely noisy, and by no means the most accessible."

"It is very much to be hoped that with the one perfect site already owned by the city, and with a number of others which could be secured for first-class public buildings, with provision for a great auditorium, ample accommodations for the city courts,"

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## RUSH IN BEFORE NEW LAW APPLIES

Fifty-Two Applicants for Dental Certificates Go Before State Board.

### ONE WOMAN SEEKS DIPLOMA SIDNEY MOULTHORP WRITER

After January 1 Dental Applicants Must Be Graduates in Medicine.

Fifty-two applicants for license appeared before the State Board of Dental Examiners yesterday, a large number of undergraduates rushing in to take the State examination before the new law requiring a medical degree goes into effect.

**Local People Take Part.**

Last winter the club, assisted by the Philharmonic Society, gave experiments with the Messiah, local artists taking the solo parts. The work was exceedingly well done, and it was a credit to director, chorus, soloists and orchestra. And it was the more interesting because all of those who took part were our own people. The Wednesday Club choir cannot take part in grand opera, but it can do its best to bring opera to Richmond rather than the business of another organization. Let the Wednesday Club stick to its legitimate work, and leave the impure business to others.

If, at some time, it is the desire of the city to help the club in its work, it could do so by providing a Municipal School of Music, with a hall, and with rooms for teaching and practice, such as the Guildhall School of Music in London. With a staff of competent teachers and competent management, such a Municipal School of Music would attract students from all over the South, who could secure a thorough grounding in the elements of music, and in musical structure, in higher forms, and at moderate costs. The Wednesday Club could co-operate, so also could the Philharmonic Orchestra, amateur organization, which is doing a fine and legitimate work.

I know very many members of the Wednesday Club who are heartily opposed to the production of grand opera anywhere in Richmond under the auspices of the club. I know very many citizens who are opposed to the expenditure of any sum whatever by the city upon the makeshift public hall; and I trust that the committee and the community will hesitate long before agreeing to what would seem to be an unreasonable waste of the money of the taxpayers, without the prospect of adequate or even satisfactory results.

## TRYING TO FIND INTEREST MONEY

Bankers Confer Over Funds Soon  
Due on National Railways  
of Mexico.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

New York, November 17.—Ways and means of raising \$2,000,000 for the payment of interest due December 1 and January 1 next on National Railways of Mexico securities will be the subject of a conference of bankers representing Speyer & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., later this week or early next week according to the arrival of E. N. Brown, president of the road, who is now en route to this city.

Negotiations for this money have been going on with international brokers for more than a week, but they have not progressed sufficiently to warrant announcement that the money will be forthcoming.

A director of the National Railways of Mexico to-day said:

"We will not have to issue any new securities for this money. We have the securities in hand that will be put up as collateral for the advances."

The damage done by the rebels to the property of the National Railways of Mexico up to May 31 last is estimated at about \$16,000,000. There has been considerable damage done since then, a number of our freight cars and locomotives having been destroyed recently at Monterey.

"We are now operating only about 55 per cent of our lines."

## ANDREW CARNEGIE HERE NEXT MONTH

He Will Preside Over Second  
Day Session of American  
Peace Conference.

New York, November 17.—The English government was requested to delay by a subcommittee of the American Committee for the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Peace Among English-Speaking Peoples, in session in New York, to reconsider its determination not to participate in the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. The request was sent through the British committee of the peace celebration.

A proposal to conclude in San Francisco the peace celebration has been approved by Charles C. Moore, president of the exposition.

The subcommittee will meet in Richmond on December 3 and 4, according to announcement to-day by the subcommittee.

Governor Mann will preside at the first day's session and Andrew Carnegie on the second day.

The Richmond conference will arrange for the celebration on special days of unbroken peace between the United States and France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Italy and other nations.

The subcommittee received for consideration a report recommending that the peace centennial be signalized by incorporating an "Association for the Establishment and Maintenance for the People of this City of New York of Museums of Peaceful Arts," modeled on institutions in Paris, Berlin and Vienna. Here permanent exhibits would be housed, together with books and periodicals.

The estimated cost of the project is from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000, with several millions a year for maintenance and expenses. It was announced that funds for the foundation of the proposed museum, to consist of twenty buildings, had already been pledged in large part by American citizens. The names of the donors are not to be made public until incorporation articles have been filed at Albany.

## WILSON RECEIVES EXPOSURE THREAT

Calling Off Senator Lewis Is  
Given as Price of Silence.

### ONE WOMAN SEEKS DIPLOMA SIDNEY MOULTHORP WRITER

He May Be Prosecuted as  
Latest Phase of Pindell  
Affair.

Washington, November 17.—A threat to expose President Wilson if he did not call off Senator Lewis of Illinois, prosecuting him for his speech, was written to the White House to-day in a letter from Sidney Moulthrop, the discharged employee of Senator Lewis whom the letter charged with having written to Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., the ambassadorship to Russia for a year, offering to expose the secret service agent to the public in finding Moulthrop. If read, the probable will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice, threatening a threatening letter through the mails.

On Saturday a letter threatening Senator Wilson was sent to Secretary Joseph H. Sullivan, with the signature of Senator Lewis. The letter received at the White House was postmarked Hackensack, N. J. It was addressed to "President Wilson" and signed "Sidney Moulthrop." It intimates that the writer had copies of correspondence which had passed between the White House and

Failure on the part of the President to send the name of Pinchot to the Senate to-day has caused Pinchot to grow angry in the Senate, and that the President has been informed of his intention of appointing Phoebe Merle, a woman, to the position of assistant to Pinchot, and that he has expected to be appointed at once and consequently his name was expected at each session of the Senate. To add to the disappointment, however, the bill has occurred in the Senate, and the President has delayed sending it to the House, saying that it had passed out of his hands.

It is known that there are some letters in existence written by Pinchot which it is believed he has endeavored to give him. If their contents were given out, some of these letters are in the possession of Senator Lewis, whose home is in Peoria, and it is only natural to suppose that word of them has come to the President's ears. The belief is that the delay in the appointment is due to something of this kind.

## PLAN FOR MERGER IS SUGGESTED FOR TWO CHURCHES

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privilege of uniting congregations is shared with presbyteries, the rights of the churches concerned in this direction extending only to requesting presbytery to unite them.

Your committee recommends, therefore,

First. That Grace Street-Westminster Church, in congregational meeting assembled, make the following request of East Hanover Presbytery:

(a) That presbytery unite Grace Street and Westminster Presbyterian Churches.

(b) That presbytery give the name "Grace-Westminster Church" to the united body.

(c) That presbytery, in bringing about this union, preserve the hoary organization of the Grace Street Church, but recognizing the full equality of the Westminster party to the union with the Grace Street party, authorizing the members of the boards of trustees, the board of elders of the two churches, the members of the board of deacons of the two churches to constitute the board of deacons of the united church; the members of the board of deacons of the two churches to constitute the board of deacons of the united church, and that the presbytery be requested to preserve the continuity of the life and history of each church in proper presbyterian record in the merger and union, one with the other; and that the session of the merged church be authorized and instructed to count and register all the members of both Westminster and Grace Street Churches as existing at the hour of the union and make out the roll accordingly.

(d) That presbytery authoritatively unite these churches at its earliest convenience; and because there may be an interval between the authorized and the actual merging of the congregations, authorizing the session of the united church to appoint those who now constitute the sessions of these two churches severally to act for the joint session in all matters pertaining to temporary and separate affairs of the respective congregations; and that presbytery authorize a similar arrangement of the boards of deacons.

Second. That Westminster-Grace Street Church appoint a committee of three to form a committee of like number to be appointed by the Grace Street-Westminster Church, a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to work toward the consummation of the physical union of these churches at the best ascertainable moment.

Third. That Grace Street-Westminster Church declare that in its view the house of worship should be located west of Lombardy Street, east of the intersection of Lombardy and Broad and north of Grove Avenue.

Fourth. That Grace Street-Westminster Church appoint a committee of five to form with a like committee from Westminster-Grace Street Church, a joint building committee, whose duty it shall be to select and purchase a suitable lot, have plans made for the new church building, submit the plans to the congregation for approval, and have the house of worship built.

To Elect a Pastor.

Fifth. That Grace Street-Westminster Church declare that the property rights of each church shall become the property rights of the united church, and for the purpose of making technical compliance with the statutes governing church property, and with church law, a finance committee, composed of three members from each congregation, shall be appointed by sessional authority to work out the detail of the legal and financial questions involved.

Sixth. That Grace Street-Westminster Church declare that it favors the election of a pastor for the united church as soon after the actual physical union as can orderly be done.

Seventh. That Grace Street-Westminster Church declare that the present Westminster Church building shall be used as a place of worship for the united church after the physical merging until disposed of, or, until the completion of the proposed new church building.

Eighth. That Grace Street-Westminster Church appoints a committee to lay its petition hereinbefore presented before East Hanover Presbytery, the following gentlemen:



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Valuable Asset to Armed  
Forces.

Washington, November 17.—To give to the young men of the United States who are desirous of accepting it the opportunity for a short course in military training, in order that they may be better fitted to discharge their military duty to their country should it ever stand in need of their services, Major-General Leonard Wood, commanding the army, has issued orders for the establishment of students' military instruction camps.

"The benefit of these camps to the nation," says General Wood, "is that they foster patriotic spirit, without which a nation soon loses its vitality and falls into decay; they spread among the citizens of the country a more thorough knowledge of military history, military policy and military tactics, all necessary to the complete education of a well-equipped citizen in order that he may himself form just and true opinions on military topics.

"As a military asset, the value of these camps is incalculable. They afford the means of materially increasing the present inadequate personnel of the trained or partially trained military reserves of the United States, and this increase consisting of a class of educated men from which in time of national emergency, a large proportion of the volunteers commissioned officers, and that presbytery be requested to preserve the continuity of the life and history of each church in proper presbyterian record in the merger and union, one with the other; and that the session of the merged church be authorized and instructed to count and register all the members of both Westminster and Grace Street Churches as existing at the hour of the union and make out the roll accordingly.

"The ultimate object sought is not any way of attorney aggression, but to provide a means of meeting a vital need confronting us as a peaceful and unilitary people, in order to preserve the desired peace and prosperity through the only safe protection, viz., more thorough preparation and equipment to resist any effort to break such peace."

The two experimental camps last summer were so successful that General Wood is now planning four for next vacation season—one in the lake region of Northern New York State, and further east in the mountain country, one in the mountain and spring region of Virginia, on a little to the south, one in the northern part of the Middle States, and one in the middle section of the Pacific coast.

Many of the students who attended

last year's camps have expressed their intention of returning. Only students or recent graduates can take part.

"In addition to the patriotic motive of 'patriotism,' says General Wood, 'there must be considered the physical benefits derived by the students from the active, healthful outdoor life of a military camp for the summer vacation, and this at less expense than is usually required when away from home. These physical benefits are of great and permanent value at this student period of their lives, when the pursuit of their studies during the balance of the year requires a certain amount of confinement. There are also the mutually broadening influences derived from meeting and being interested with other well-known institutions, and the opportunity afforded for athletic training and contests, as well as the novelty of the experience itself, all contributing variety and interest to the program."

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